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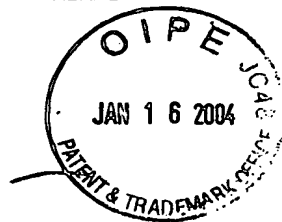
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Docket No.: 04970/100M014-US1

DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY
(Continuation-In-Part Application)

As a below named inventor, I declare that:

1. The information given herein is true, and I believe that I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below), or a joint inventor (if plural inventors are named below), of the invention entitled:

WATER PURIFYING APPARATUS

which is described and claimed in:

☐ the attached specification or

☒ the specification in application

Serial No. 10/646,366

Filed: August 22, 2003

(for declaration not accompanying application);

2. This application in part discloses and claims new subject matter as well as subject matter disclosed in my earlier-filed application(s)

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Filed: August 30, 2002

For: WATER PURIFYING APPARATUS

3. I acknowledge my duty to disclose information of which I am aware which is material to patentability in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.56, including such material information which occurred between the filing date of said earlier application and the filing date of this application.

4. I have reviewed and understand the contents of the specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment specifically referred to herein.

5. As to the subject matter of this application which is common to said earlier application I do not know and do not believe that the same was ever known or used in the United States of America before my or our invention thereof or patented or described in any printed publication in any country before my or our invention thereof, or more than one year prior to said earlier application or in public use or on sale in the United States of America more than one year prior to said earlier

application; said common subject matter has not been patented or made the subject of an inventor's certificate issued before the date of said earlier application in any country foreign to the United States of America on an application filed by me or my legal representatives or assigns more than twelve months prior to said earlier application. As to the subject matter of this application which is common to said earlier application, I hereby claim the priority benefits under 35 U.S.C. 119 of any application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below. All applications for patent or inventor's certificate on this invention filed by me or my legal representatives or assigns prior to the application(s) of which priority is claimed as to the common subject matter are also identified below.

PRIOR APPLICATION(S), IF ANY, OF WHICH PRIORITY IS CLAIMED

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6. As to the new subject matter of the present application which is not common to said earlier application I do not know and do not believe that the same was ever known or used in the United States of America before my or our invention thereof or patented or described in a printed publication in any country before my or our invention thereof or more than one year prior to the date of this application, or in public use or on sale in the United States of America more than one year prior to the date of the present application, and said matter has not been patented or made the subject of an inventor's certificate in any country foreign to the United States of America on an application filed by me or my legal representatives or assigns more than twelve months prior to the date of this application. As to the new subject

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